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MAJOR CHANGES

1. The Bureau of Diplomatic Security's policy regarding the regional security officer (RSO) chain of command has been revised (12 FAM 421, paragraph c).
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